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### Subpart A—National Wilderness Preservation System

#### § 19.1 Scope and purpose.

This subpart sets forth sections dealing with the administration by the Department of the Interior of certain provisions of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 1131–1136).

#### § 19.2 Definitions.

As used in this subpart the term:

(a) *National Forest Wilderness* means an area or part of an area of national forest lands designated by the Wilderness Act or by a subsequent act of Congress as a wilderness area.

(b) *National Park System* means all federally owned or controlled areas administered by the Secretary through the National Park Service.

(c) *National Wilderness Preservation System* means the Federally owned areas designated by the Wilderness Act or subsequent acts of Congress as wilderness areas.

(d) *National Wildlife Refuge System* means those lands and waters administered by the Secretary as wildlife refuges, wildlife ranges, game ranges, wildlife management areas, and water-

fowl production areas established under any statute, proclamation, executive order, or public land order.

(e) *Roadless area* means a reasonably compact area of undeveloped Federal land which possesses the general characteristics of a wilderness and within which there is no improved road that is suitable for public travel by means of four-wheeled, motorized vehicles intended primarily for highway use.

(f) *Roadless island* means a roadless area that is surrounded by permanent waters or that is markedly distinguished from surrounding lands by topographical or ecological features such as precipices, canyons, thickets, or swamps.

(g) *Secretary* means the Secretary of the Interior or an official of the Department of the Interior who exercises authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior.

(h) *Wilderness* means a wilderness as defined in section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act.

#### § 19.3 Reviews of roadless areas and roadless islands.

(a) The Secretary is required by section 3(c) of the Wilderness Act to review every roadless area of 5,000 contiguous acres or more in each unit of the National Park System and every roadless area of 5,000 contiguous acres or more and every roadless island in the national wildlife refuges and game ranges of the National Wildlife Refuge System, which was under the supervision of the Secretary on September 3, 1964. The Secretary is further required to recommend to the President whether each such area and island is suitable or not suitable for preservation as wilderness. Reports and recommendations must be submitted by the Secretary in time to permit the President to advise the Congress of his recommendations thereon:

(1) Covering not less than one-third of such areas and islands by September 3, 1967;

(2) Covering not less than an additional one-third by not later than September 3, 1971; and

(3) Covering the remainder by not later than September 3, 1974.

(b) The primary objective of the Department of the Interior's review of